

July 28, 2003

Ms. Marlene H. Dortch
Commission Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, SW
CY-B 402
Washington D.C. 25554

Re: Proceeding 03-167

Dear Ms. Dortch:

This letter is in support of SBC's entrance into the long distance market in Ohio.

As the representative of more than 400 businesses in the Xenia area, our chamber cannot ignore the importance of telecommunications to its members. A competitive market in this arena is important to the bottom line of all businesses. Therefore, access to such a competitive market is essential to the economic development of our community.

Furthermore, it would seem logical to create a level playing field for those businesses competing in the telecommunications field in Ohio. If other companies can compete by offering local services, SBC Ameritech should be able to compete by providing long distance services.

I urge the Commission to help us make doing business in Ohio easier and increasing the potential for profit by granting long distance approval to SBC.

Respectfully,

Barbara A. Zajbel

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President
Xenia Area Chamber of Commerce